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14 14. A controller for a hospital bed, including:
a supply valve having an interrupt position interrupting a supply path
providing fluid to a device for positioning the bed;
a return valve having an interrupt position interrupting a return path returning
fluid from the positioning device;
a first actuator to position the supply and return valves, the first actuator
having a supply state wherein the return valve is in the interrupt position, a return state
wherein the supply valve is in the interrupt position, and a neutral state wherein the first
actuator does not position the supply and return valves;
a second actuator to position the supply and return valves into and out of their
respective interrupt positions, the second actuator causing the generation of an override signal
when actuated; and
an override device that responds to the override signal by placing the first
actuator in the neutral state.
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15 15. The controller of claim *34* wherein the first actuator is a multi-state manual
actuator.
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16 16. The controller of claim *34* wherein the second actuator is an electrical actuator.
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17 17. The controller of claim *34* wherein the override device includes a catch
engager and a catch engager actuator to move the catch engager between an engaged and a
disengaged position.
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18 18. The controller of claim *34*, further including a spring positioned to bias the
first actuator in the neutral position, a first catch to lock the first actuator in the supply state,
and a second catch to lock the first actuator in the return state.
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19 19. The controller of claim *34*, further including another supply valve and another
return valve, respectively supplying and returning fluid to and from another device for
positioning the bed.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted as part of the above identified
continuation application filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, the continuation application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Consideration of the claims leading to their allowance and passage of this continuation application to issuance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayment associated with this Preliminary Amendment to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

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